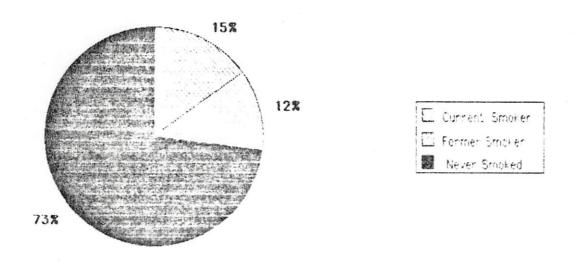
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Despite this information concerning the health effects of cigarette smoking, 15 percent of Wasatch County adults are current smokers. Figure 1 graphically describes the smoking status of Wasatch County adults.

Figure 1
Distribution of Adult Population by Smoking Status: Wasatch County, 1986



As expected, adult males were more likely to be current smokers than females (see Table 2). In two age groups, females have higher smoking rates than males (18-24 and 65+). Males 18-24 have one of the lowest rates of the males while females 18-24 report the highest female use. This finding is consistent with national smoking patterns. Until recently, males have had consistently higher rates of smoking. Nationally, smoking rates for all ave decreased in recent years, males decreasing more rapidly than as. This appears to be the case with 18-24 year old Wasatch County

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